

## BasaFlex<sup>™</sup> BFRP Rebar



**BasaFlex BFRP Rebar** is a sustainable, rust proof alternative to traditional steel reinforcement. Comparatively, it's only 25% of the weight of steel, and has a Specific Tensile Strength that is 2.5 times greater! This equates to enhanced Jobsite Safety, with significant savings in transportation and handling costs.

BasaFlex is made from volcanic rock, and has a Coefficient of Thermal Expansion similar to concrete. This homogeneous behavior reduces the cracking mechanism during extreme temperature fluctuations and / or concurrent disparity.

BasaFlex is Engineered to last for >100 years, and an excellent choice when considering continuous reinforcement that will <u>never</u> rust, or require long-term maintenance costs. Unlike steel or other FRP's, BasaFlex is completely impervious to attacks from alkali, chemicals or water.

## Non-Corrosive Benefits

- No added maintenance cost during the service life of the structure, unlike steel and other FRP's.
- Reductions in the overall concrete cover (usually required due to degradation from steel corrosion) can now be considered.
- Similarly, expensive waterproof sealants, coatings and/or special concrete additives are no longer necessary to resist or prevent steel corrosion.
- Even chloride contaminated concrete constituents, such as water (saltwater) and aggregates, as well as chloride-based accelerators and cement without chloride limits can now be used without detriment.



## **Typical Applications**

### **Concrete Containment Structures**

- Waste Water Treatment Facilities
- Swimming Pools; Petro Chemical Tanks

# Concrete Exposed to De-Icing or Marine Chlorides

- Bridges & Railings; Median Barriers
- Parking Structures
- Continuously Reinforced Concrete Paving
- Precast Elements; Sea Walls; Dry Docks; Port Aprons

### **Reduced Weight in Architectural Elements**

### **Masonry Strengthening**

- Seismic, Wind or Blast Strengthening
- Strengthening for "Event & Cycle Loading"

#### **Tunneling & Mining**

- Sequential Evacuation or MATM Tunneling
- Temporary Reinforcement; Rock Bolts

## Concrete Exposed to High Voltage and Electromagnetic Fields

- High Voltage Substations; Radio Frequency Sensitive Areas
- Hospital MRI Areas, Cable Ducts and Banks
- Aluminum Smelters and Steel Mills

## **APPROVALS & GOVERNED USE:**

BasaFlex is a completely approved reinforcement product according to ACI 440R-07 covering Basalt, Glass, Carbon and Aramid FRP's. It's used as per ACI 440.1R-06, and its construction use is dictated by Code 440.6-08, and tested according to ASTM D7205, and 5 other ASTM methods; demonstrating BasaFlex exceeds all performance requirements of ACI 440.6-08.

BasaFlex can be placed to meet code requirements (or equivalent) by using the calculations and installation guidelines for BFRP reinforcement of concrete as defined in ACI 440.6-08. Recommendations for maximum deflection and shear of concrete elements reinforced with FRP rebars are presented in ACI 440.1R-06, and specified by 440.5-08.

The use of BFRP is further Approved under the ICC Evaluation Service, Acceptance Criteria for Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Bars, for Internal Reinforcement of Concrete Members [AC454] dated June 2016.





### **ASTM Standards**

- D570 Standard test method for water absorption of plastics
- D619 Standard practice for conditioning plastics for testing
- D695 Standard test method for compressive properties of rigid plastics
- D790 Standard test method for flexural properties of unreinforced and reinforced plastics
- D792 Standard test method for density and specific gravity
- D2734 Void content of reinforced plastics
- D3410 Standard test method for compressive properties of polymer matrix composite materials
- Design Manual: Isis Design Manual #3: Reinforcing concrete structures with fiber reinforced polymers (FRP's)

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\* Dependent upon process & diameter

## **Key Values and Benefits**

- Stronger, Tougher and Lighter than steel
- Rust Proof; 100+ Year Reinforcement
- Naturally resistant to alkali and acids
- No need for special coating like GFR Rods
- Does not conduct electricity; non-magnetic
- Does not interfere with RF signals
- Easily cut to length with regular tools
- Same thermal expansion coefficient as concrete, and is UV stable
- Optimal for use in harsh environments

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